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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of harassment of foreign tourists at heritage sites throughout the country reported during the last three years;

(a) the action taken on such complaints;

(c) whether there is a proposal under consideration of the Government to create a Tourist Police Force to encourage tourism in the country;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) &(b): Crimes including harassment of foreign tourists etc. at the tourist spots including heritage sites is a law and order subject of the State/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism in order to inculcate confidence in tourists, regularly takes up reported cases with the concerned authorities on top priority basis.

(c), (d) & (e): In order to promote India as hassle free destination for foreign tourists, Ministry of Tourism has written to all the State/UT Administrations to set up Tourist Police Force for the safety of tourists. States of Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Goa,Kerala, Himachal Pradesh etc., have already set up Tourist Police.